

# BILL BARRETT CORPORATION

## CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

### Introduction

This Code Of Business Conduct And Ethics covers a wide range of business practices and procedures. It does not cover every issue that may arise, but it sets out basic principles to guide all employees of the Company. This Code applies to the Company's employees, officers and directors, including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. All of our employees must conduct themselves accordingly and seek to avoid even the appearance of improper behavior.

If a law conflicts with a policy in this Code, you must comply with the law; however, if a local custom or policy conflicts with this Code, you must comply with the Code. Any variances between local customs or policies and this Code should be brought to the attention of management or the directors. If you have any questions about these conflicts, you should ask your supervisor how to handle the situation.

Those who violate the standards in this Code will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. *If you are in a situation that you believe may violate or lead to a violation of this Code, follow the guidelines described in Section 14 of this Code.*

For purposes of this Code, the "Code Of Ethics Contact Person" will be different for various employees and the directors of the Company. For the principal executive officer and directors, the Code Of Ethics Contact Person is any member of the Nominating And Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. For all other employees of the Company, the Code Of Ethics Contact Person is the employee's immediate supervisor.

### 1. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Obeying the law, both in letter and in spirit, is the foundation on which this Company's ethical standards are built. All employees, in the course of conducting the Company's business, must respect and obey the laws of the cities, states and countries in which we operate. Although not all employees are expected to know the details of these laws, it is important to know enough to determine when to seek advice from supervisors, managers or other appropriate personnel.

Such legal compliance should include, without limitation, compliance with the "insider trading" prohibitions applicable to the Company and its employees, officers and directors. Generally, no employee, officer or director may buy, sell or

otherwise trade in the stock or other securities of a firm at any time when the person has access to or knowledge of confidential or non-public information about the firm, whether or not they are using or relying upon that information. This restriction on "insider trading" is not limited to trading in Company stock or other securities. It includes trading in the securities of other firms, particularly firms that are current or prospective customers or suppliers of the Company. The restriction extends to sharing information or tipping others about such information, especially since the individuals receiving such information might utilize such information to trade in the securities. In addition, the Company has implemented trading restrictions to reduce the risk, or appearance, of insider trading. Company employees, officers and directors are directed to the Company's Insider Trading Policy and to the Company's legal counsel if they have questions regarding the applicability of such insider trading prohibitions.

This Code does not summarize all laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Company and its employees, officers and directors. Please consult the Company's legal counsel and the various guidelines which the Company has prepared on specific laws, rules and regulations.

## **2. Conflicts of Interest**

A "conflict of interest" exists when a person's private interest interferes or conflicts in any way (or even appears to interfere or conflict) with the interests of the Company. A conflict situation can arise when an employee, officer or director takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her Company work objectively and effectively. Conflicts of interest may also arise when an employee, officer or director, or members of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position in the Company. Loans to, or guarantees of obligations of, employees and their family members may create conflicts of interest.

It is almost always a conflict of interest for a Company employee to work simultaneously for a competitor, customer or supplier. You are not allowed to work for a competitor as an employee, consultant or board member. The best policy is to avoid any direct or indirect business connection with our customers, suppliers or competitors, except on our behalf. For purposes of this Code, a competitor shall be an entity engaged in the oil and gas exploration and development business in areas of the Rocky Mountain Region in which the Company engages in such activities.

Conflicts of interest are prohibited as a matter of Company policy, except under guidelines approved by the Board of Directors. Conflicts of interest may not always be clear-cut, so if you have a question, you should consult with the Code Of Ethics Contact Person or the Company's General Counsel. Any employee, officer or director who becomes aware of a conflict or potential conflict should

bring it to the attention of the Code Of Ethics Contact Person or consult the procedures described in Section 14 of this Code.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, to the extent any member of the board of directors of the Company who is not an employee of the Company (A) is affiliated with an investment banking firm, private equity firm, commercial bank or other similar entity, nothing in this Code shall prohibit (1) transactions or (2) the affiliation between the director and such firm or entity, or (B) is in the business of providing professional or consulting services, nothing in this Code shall prohibit the director from performing those professional or consulting services for persons or entities other than the Company, including competitors, to the extent those services are not in conflict with activities of the Company or prohibited by applicable rules of professional responsibility applicable to providers of those professional or consulting services.

### **3. Insider Trading**

Employees who have access to confidential information are not permitted to use or share that information for stock trading purposes or for any other purpose except the conduct of Bill Barrett Corporation's business. All non-public information about the Company should be considered confidential information. To use non-public information for personal financial benefit or to "tip" others who might make an investment decision to buy or sell Bill Barrett Corporation stock on the basis of this information is not only unethical but also illegal. If you have any questions concerning this, please consult the Company's General Counsel.

### **4. Corporate Opportunities**

Employees, officers and directors are prohibited from (a) taking, in violation of applicable law, for themselves personally opportunities that properly belong to the Company or are discovered through the use of Company property, information or position; (b) using Company corporate property, information, or position for personal gain; or (c) competing with the Company directly or indirectly. Employees, officers and directors owe a duty to the Company to advance its legitimate interests when the opportunity to do so arises. Nothing in this Section 4 is intended to modify or otherwise limit the provisions of Article Fifteenth of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

### **5. Competition and Fair Dealing; Business Entertainment, Gifts and Courtesies**

We seek to outperform our competition fairly and honestly. We seek competitive advantages through superior performance, never through unethical or illegal business practices. Stealing proprietary information, possessing trade secret information that was obtained without the owner's consent, or inducing such

disclosures by past or present employees of other companies is prohibited. Each employee should endeavor to respect the rights of and deal fairly with the Company's customers, suppliers, competitors and employees. No employee should take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other intentional unfair-dealing practice.

To maintain the Company's valuable reputation, compliance with our quality processes and safety requirements is essential. All operations must be conducted in accordance with all applicable regulations. Compliance with all regulations and laws of governing or regulatory agencies should be give priority over the opportunity to profit or gain competitive advantage.

The purpose of business entertainment and gifts in a commercial setting is to create good will and sound working relationships, not to gain unfair advantage with suppliers and customers. Employees, officers and directors must act in a fair and impartial manner in all business dealings. No gift or entertainment should ever be offered, given, provided or accepted by any Company employee, officer or director or any of their family members in connection with service to or employment by the Company unless it: (1) is not a cash gift, (2) is consistent with customary business practices, (3) cannot be construed as a bribe or payoff, and (4) does not violate any laws or regulations. Please contact the Code Of Ethics Contact Person if you are not certain that a gift is appropriate.

## **6. Discrimination and Harassment**

The diversity of the Company's employees is a tremendous asset. We are firmly committed to providing equal opportunity in all aspects of employment and will not tolerate any illegal discrimination or harassment or any kind. Examples include derogatory comments based on racial or ethnic characteristics and unwelcome sexual advances.

## **7. Health and Safety**

The Company strives to provide each employee with a safe and healthful work environment. Each employee has responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for all employees by following safety and health rules and practices and reporting accidents, injuries and unsafe equipment, practices or conditions.

Violence and threatening behavior are not permitted. Employees should report to work in condition to perform their duties, free from the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. The use of illegal drugs in the workplace will not be tolerated.

## **8. Record-Keeping**

The Company requires honest and accurate recording and reporting of information in order to make responsible business decisions. For example, only the true and actual number of hours worked should be reported.

Many employees regularly use business expense accounts, which must be documented and recorded accurately. If you are not sure whether a certain expense is legitimate, ask your supervisor or the Human Resources Supervisor. Rules and guidelines are available from the Accounting Department.

All of the Company's books, records, accounts and financial statements must be maintained in reasonable detail, must appropriately reflect the Company's transactions and must conform both to applicable legal requirements and to the Company's system of internal controls. Unrecorded or "off the books" funds or assets should not be maintained unless permitted by applicable law or regulation.

Business records and communications often become public, and we should avoid exaggeration, derogatory remarks, guesswork, or inappropriate characterizations of people and companies that can be misunderstood. This applies equally to e-mail, internal memos, and formal reports. Records should always be retained or destroyed according to the Company's record retention policies. In accordance with those policies, in the event of litigation or governmental investigation, please consult the Company's General Counsel.

## **9. Confidentiality**

Employees, officers and directors must maintain the confidentiality of confidential information entrusted to them by the Company or its suppliers and customers, except when disclosure is explicitly authorized or required by laws or regulations or approved by senior management. Confidential information includes all non-public information that might be of use to competitors, or harmful to the Company or its customers, if disclosed. It also includes information that suppliers and customers have entrusted to us. The obligation to preserve confidential information continues even after employment ends.

## **10. Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets**

All employees should endeavor to protect the Company's assets and ensure their efficient use. Theft, carelessness, and waste have a direct impact on the Company's profitability. Any suspected incident of fraud or theft should be immediately reported for investigation. Company equipment should not be used for non-Company business, though incidental personal use may be permitted.

The obligation of employees to protect the Company's assets includes its proprietary information. Proprietary information includes intellectual property such

as seismic data or information, well data, trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and copyrights, as well as business, marketing and service plans, geological prospects and interpretations, engineering, geological, geophysical and operational ideas, designs, databases, records, salary information and any unpublished financial data and reports. Unauthorized use or distribution of this information would violate Company policy. It could also be illegal and result in civil or even criminal penalties.

## **11. Payments to Government Personnel**

The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act prohibits giving anything of value, directly or indirectly, to officials of foreign governments or foreign political candidates in order to obtain or retain business. It is strictly prohibited to make illegal payments to government officials of any country.

In addition, the U.S. government has a number of laws and regulations regarding business gratuities that may be accepted by U.S. government personnel. The promise, offer or delivery to an official or employee of the U.S. government of a gift, favor or other gratuity in violation of these rules would not only violate Company policy but could also be a criminal offense. State and local governments, as well as foreign governments, may have similar rules. The Company's General Counsel can provide guidance to you in this area.

## **12. Waivers of the Code Of Business Conduct And Ethics**

Any waiver of this Code for executive officers, directors, employees or consultants may be made only by the Board or the Nominating And Corporate Governance Committee of the Board and will be promptly disclosed if and as required by law or stock exchange regulation.

## **13. Reporting any Illegal or Unethical Behavior**

If employees, officers or directors believe that they have violated the policies of this Code, they should promptly advise the Code Of Ethics Contact Person. They are also encouraged to promptly notify the Code Of Ethics Contact Person about observed illegal or unethical behavior and to discuss, when in doubt, the best course of action in a particular situation. Employees, officers and directors who are concerned that violations of this Code or that other illegal or unethical conduct by employees, officers or directors of the Company have occurred or may occur should promptly contact the Code Of Ethics Contact Person. If they do not believe it appropriate or are not comfortable approaching the Code Of Ethics Contact Person about their concerns or complaints, then they may contact the President or Chief Executive Officer of the Company. If they do not believe it appropriate or are not comfortable approaching the President or Chief Executive Officer, then they may contact the Company's legal counsel or any member of the Audit Committee or the Nominating And Corporate Governance Committee of

the Company's Board of Directors. If their concerns or complaints require confidentiality, including keeping their identity anonymous, then this confidentiality will be protected, subject to applicable law, regulation or legal proceedings.

#### **14. Compliance Procedures**

We must all work to ensure prompt and consistent action against violations of this Code. However, in some situations it is difficult to know right from wrong. Since we cannot anticipate every situation that will arise, it is important that we have a way to approach a new question or problem. These are the steps to keep in mind:

- Make sure you have all the facts. In order to reach the right solutions, we must be as fully informed as possible.
- Ask yourself: What specifically am I being asked to do? Does it seem unethical or improper? This will enable you to focus on the specific question you are faced with, and the alternatives you have. Use your judgment and common sense; if something seems unethical or improper, it probably is.
- Clarify your responsibility and role. In most situations, there is shared responsibility. Are your colleagues informed? It may help to get others involved and discuss the problem.
- Discuss the problem with your supervisor. This is the basic guidance for all situations. In many cases, your supervisor will be more knowledgeable about the question and will appreciate being brought into the decision-making process. Remember that it is your supervisor's responsibility to help solve problems.
- Seek help from Company resources. In the rare case where it may not be appropriate to discuss an issue with your supervisor or where you do not feel comfortable approaching your supervisor with your question, discuss it with senior management, corporate counsel or the Human Resources manager. If that also is not appropriate, contact a member of the Audit Committee or the Nominating And Corporate Governance Committee. If you prefer to write, address your concerns to: General Counsel, Bill Barrett Corporation, 1099 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80202.
- You may report ethical violations in confidence and without fear of retaliation. If your situation requires that your identity be kept secret, your anonymity will be protected. The Company does not permit retaliation of any kind against employees for good faith reports of ethical violations.
- Always ask first, act later: If you are unsure of what to do in any situation, seek guidance before you act.

## **15. Accounting Complaints**

The Company's policy is to comply with all financial reporting and accounting regulations applicable to the Company. If any employee, officer or director of the Company has concerns or complaints regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters of the Company, then he or she is encouraged to submit those concerns or complaints (anonymously, confidentially or otherwise) to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (which will, subject to its duties arising under applicable law, regulations and legal proceedings, treat such submission confidentially). Such submissions may be directed to the attention of the Audit Committee, or any director who is a member of the Audit Committee, at the principal executive offices of the Company. The Audit Committee's current Employee Complaint Procedures For Accounting And Auditing Matters is attached to this Code as Exhibit B.

## **16. Financial and Accounting Officers and Managers**

Financial and Accounting Officers and Managers hold an important and elevated role in corporate governance. As part of the Corporate Leadership Team, Financial and Accounting Officers and Managers are vested with both the responsibility and authority to protect, balance, and preserve the interests of all of the Company's stakeholders, including stockholders, clients, employees, suppliers, and citizens of the communities in which business is conducted. Financial and Accounting Officers and Managers fulfill this responsibility by prescribing and enforcing the policies and procedures employed in the operation of the Company's financial organization, and by demonstrating the following:

- Financial and Accounting Officers and Managers will exhibit and promote the highest standards of honest and ethical conduct through the establishment and operation of policies and procedures that:
  - Encourage professional integrity in all aspects of the financial organization, by eliminating inhibitions and barriers to responsible behavior, such as coercion, fear of reprisal, or alienation from the financial organization or the enterprise itself.
  - Prohibit and eliminate the occurrence of conflicts between what is in the best interests of the enterprise and what could result in material personal gain for a member of the financial organization, including Financial and Accounting Officers and Managers.
  - Provide a mechanism for members of the finance organization to inform senior management of deviations in practice from policies and procedures governing honest and ethical behavior.
  
- Financial and Accounting Officers and Managers will establish and manage the enterprise transaction and reporting systems and procedures to ensure that:

- Business transactions are properly authorized and completely and accurately recorded on the Company's books and records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and established Company financial policy.
- The retention or proper disposal of Company records shall be in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
- Periodic financial communications and reports will be delivered in a manner that facilitates a high degree of clarity of content and meaning so that readers and users can determine their significance and consequence.

## **17. No Retaliation**

The Company will not permit retaliation of any kind by or on behalf of the Company and its employees, officers and directors against good faith reports or complaints of violations of this Code or other illegal or unethical conduct.

## **18. Amendment, Modification and Waiver**

This Code may be amended, modified or waived by the Board of Directors and waivers may also be granted by the Nominating And Corporate Governance Committee, subject to the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules thereunder, and the applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange. Any waiver of this Code for executive officers or directors shall be promptly disclosed to stockholders.

## **19. Note**

The requirements of this Code may be more restrictive than the requirements of law and industry practice. Nothing contained in this Code, or relating to the adoption and publishing of this Code, should be construed or applied as a binding interpretation or definition of law or industry practice. Any violation of law is strictly prohibited and is beyond the scope of authority of all employees and directors of the Company.

## **20. Ordinary Course Activities**

This Code does not intend to prohibit or restrict ordinary course activities in compliance with applicable law, except as specifically provided in this Code and subject to specific exceptions as specifically provided in this Code. Therefore, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, to the extent any member of the board of directors of the Company is affiliated with an investment banking firm, private equity firm, commercial bank or other similar entity, nothing in this Code shall be deemed to restrict such firm or entity and its affiliates from engaging in any banking, brokerage, trading, market making, hedging, arbitrage, investment advisory, financial advisory, anti-raid advisory, merger advisory, financing, lending, underwriting, asset management, principal investing and other activities

conducted in the ordinary course of their or their affiliates' business in compliance with applicable law, including without limitation buying and selling Company securities, entering into derivatives transactions regarding or shorting Company securities, serving as a lender, underwriter or market maker or issuing research with respect to Company securities or making investments in or entering into other transactions with companies in the same or similar lines of business as the Company.

## Exhibit A

The following has been excerpted from the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation:

### FIFTEENTH. Renouncement of Business Opportunities.

The capitalized terms in this ARTICLE FIFTEENTH shall have the meanings ascribed to them below in subsection (c) of this ARTICLE FIFTEENTH.

(a) The corporation hereby renounces any interest or expectancy in any business opportunity, transaction or other matter in which any member of the Series B Group (as defined below) participates or desires or seeks to participate in and that involves any aspect of the oil and natural gas business or industry (each, a "Business Opportunity") other than a Business Opportunity that (i) is presented to a Series B Nominee solely in such person's capacity as a director of the corporation and with respect to which no other member of the Series B Group (other than a Series B Nominee) independently receives notice or otherwise identifies such Business Opportunity or (ii) is identified by the Series B Group solely through the disclosure of information by or on behalf of the corporation (each Business Opportunity other than those referred to in clauses (i) or (ii) are referred to as a "Renounced Business Opportunity"). No Member of the Series B Group, including any Series B Nominee, shall have any obligation to communicate or offer any Renounced Business Opportunity to the corporation, and any member of the Series B Group may pursue a Renounced Business Opportunity.

(b) Consent. Any Person purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of the capital stock of the corporation shall be deemed to have consented to these provisions. For avoidance of doubt, such deemed consent shall not constitute the admission or agreement of such Person that such Person or a member of the Series B Group (x) shall have an obligation to communicate or offer to the corporation a Business Opportunity referred to in clause (i) or (ii) of the first sentence of paragraph (a) of this ARTICLE FIFTEENTH or (y) may not pursue such Business Opportunity.

(c) Interpretation. As used in this ARTICLE FIFTEENTH, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) “Affiliate” shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(ii) “Person” means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, foreign limited liability company, trust, estate, corporation, custodian, trustee-executor, administrator, nominee or entity.

(iii) “Series B Group” means Warburg Pincus Private Equity VIII, L.P., GS Capital Partners 2000, L.P., and JP Morgan Partners, any Affiliate of Warburg Pincus Private Equity VIII, L.P., GS Capital Partners 2000, L.P., or JP Morgan Partners (other than the corporation and its subsidiaries), any Series B Nominee, and any portfolio company in which Warburg Pincus Private Equity VIII, L.P., GS Capital Partners 2000, L.P., JP Morgan Partners or any of their Affiliates have an equity investment (other than the corporation).

(iv) “Series B Nominee” means any officer, director, partner, employee or other agent of Warburg Pincus Private Equity VIII, L.P., GS Capital Partners 2000, L.P., or JP Morgan Partners or any Affiliate of Warburg Pincus Private Equity VIII, L.P., GS Capital Partners 2000, L.P., or JP Morgan Partners (other than the corporation or its subsidiaries) who serves as a Director of the corporation.

(d) Amendment. Any proposed amendment to this ARTICLE FIFTEENTH shall require the approval of at least 80 percent of the then outstanding shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, the terms of which are described in the corporation’s Certificate of Designations filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on April 29, 2002, or, if no shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock are then outstanding, at least 80 percent of the then outstanding common stock of the corporation.

The term “corporation” above means Bill Barrett Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

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## Exhibit B

### Employee Complaint Procedures for Accounting and Auditing Matters

Any employee of the Company may submit a good faith complaint regarding improper activities believed to be engaged in by the Company, including accounting or auditing matters, to the management of the Company without fear of dismissal or retaliation of any kind. The Company is committed to achieving compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including securities laws, accounting standards, accounting controls and audit practices. The Company's Audit Committee will oversee treatment of employee concerns in this area.

In order to facilitate the reporting of employee complaints, the Company has established the following procedures for the following matters: (1) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding suspected improper activities, including accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing matters, or violations of other laws, and (2) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding these matters.

#### Receipt of Employee Complaints

- Employees with concerns regarding suspected improper activities may report their concerns to the General Counsel of the Company or to our third party hotline service.
- Complaints may be forwarded on a confidential or anonymous basis to the General Counsel or Global Compliance Services, Inc. (formerly National Hotline Service) by telephone, fax, e-mail or regular mail:

##### General Counsel

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Phone: 1-800-826-6762 (Company ID: BBC)  
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If you choose to give your name, we will keep that information confidential unless, as in the case of certain crimes, a law requires that any name you supply be provided to enforcement officials or a court. We absolutely will not allow any

retribution or retaliation against an employee who reports a compliance issue in good faith.

### **Scope of Matters Covered by These Procedures**

These procedures relate to employee complaints relating to any suspected questionable activities, including accounting or auditing matters or violations of other laws, including, without limitation, the following:

- violations of the Company's Code of Conduct and Business Ethics or similar policies of vendors and others who do business with the Company;
- fraud or deliberate error in the preparation, evaluation, review or audit of any financial statement of the Company;
- fraud or deliberate error in the recording and maintaining of financial records of the Company;
- deficiencies in or noncompliance with the Company's internal accounting controls;
- misrepresentation or false statement to or by a senior officer or accountant regarding a matter contained in the financial records, financial reports or audit reports of the Company; or
- deviation from full and fair reporting of the Company's financial condition; or
- violations of laws or regulations, including environmental, labor or securities laws.

### **Treatment of Complaints**

- Upon receipt of a complaint, the General Counsel will (i) determine whether the complaint actually pertains to an improper activity, and (ii) when possible, acknowledge receipt of the complaint to the sender.
- Complaints will be reviewed under Audit Committee direction and oversight by the General Counsel, Internal Auditor (or other personnel performing the internal audit function) or such other persons as the Audit Committee or General Counsel determines to be appropriate. Confidentiality will be maintained to the fullest extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate review.
- Prompt and appropriate corrective action will be taken when and as warranted in the judgment of the Audit Committee.
- The Company will not discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass or in any manner discriminate against any employee in the terms and conditions of employment based upon any lawful actions of such

employee with respect to good faith reporting of complaints regarding improper activities believed to be engaged in by the Company or otherwise as specified in Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

### **Reporting and Retention of Complaints and Investigations**

- The General Counsel will maintain a log of all complaints, tracking their receipt, investigation and resolution and shall prepare a periodic summary report thereof for the Audit Committee. Copies of complaints and such log will be maintained in accordance with the Company's document retention policy.

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